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THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Events of Interest From Washington.

By J. E. Jones.

THE ISSUE OF 1916.

The Democrats claim that they have a walk-away in 1916.

The Republicans assert that the country is already tired of the Democratic administration, and they charge that the low tariff has been producing hard times. Their theory is that they will have a walk-away in 1916.

Progressives confidently assert that the only strength in either one of the old parties remains in the pledges to the people that they will carry out Progressive principles in the future. They assert that notwithstanding the fact that they slumped nearly three-fourths of their strength in the recent election, that the reason all laid in the fact that the Progressives joined with the Republicans simply to lick the Democrats. These Progressives insist that in a national election where a President is to be voted for that the most progressive members of both the old parties will stand together for real progressive progressivism under the Progressive party banner in 1916.

The Prohibition party is "porking up," and its members assert that the country is coming around to their ideas by leaps and bounds. Their joy knows no bounds since they attained a majority in the House of Representatives in the question of a constitutional amendment providing for national prohibition.

Who will deny that America is next door to political utopia, since nearly every one interested in politics can figure out their coming victories?

THE POST OFFICE SURPLUS.

Former Postmaster General Hitchcock claimed to have achieved a surplus in the Post Office Department, but to sooner did he lose himself in the mazes of the Post Office than his successor, General Burleson, challenged the statement, and claimed that there had been a deficit of nearly a million dollars. Now the Postmaster General asserts that he has a real surplus of receipts of \$3,500,000 or more, over operating expenses. Perhaps it serves Mr. Burleson right to have the critics refuse to admit his claim. They declare that if all the general expenses were paid from postal receipts, and not from the Treasury direct, that the surplus would vanish into thin air. Postmaster General Burleson has been juggling with the figures of surplus and deficits for years, principally because there has been an intelligent accounting in the Post Office Department. They do not know, and neither does anyone else know, the true state of Post Office finances. Millions of dollars worth of public property and buildings owned and occupied by the government appear to obscure the power of the Department to arrive at a true balance.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS.

The evidence is strong that the people who would dig into conditions surrounding the lack of national preparedness are losing ground. President Wilson and the "War Ministers" of the Cabinet promptly discouraged a Congressional investigation, and former President Taft came to the support of the Administration in saying that such investigations are useless. The result of the agitation indicates that the numerous investigations which have been had along these lines produced more information than the country is willing or able to use. Uncle Sam apparently has a lot of cards up his sleeve which he could use in the war game if it became necessary.

IT'S A LONG WAY.

As a result of his recent unfortunate experience before the Supreme Court, it has been suggested at the National Capital that Harry K. Thaw might revise the words, "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," and substitute "It's a Long Way to Freedom."

THE CALIFORNIA EXPOSITIONS.

It has been announced that the opening of the San Diego Exposition has been postponed for several weeks. The San Francisco Exposition apparently has become a sort of side issue for the San Diego affair, if one is to judge by the representation given to the two shows in the public print. Both Expositions claim, as the reason for their existence, that they are commemorating the completion of the Panama Canal, and while in these troubled times, the Panama Canal is retaining neutral, yet there appears to be a certain amount of rivalry between the two.

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SCHOOL REPORT

Abstract From State Superintendent's Report

The annual report of Hon. Payson Smith of Augusta, the State superintendent of public schools, which was filed with the Governor and Council recently shows that for the last school year 6,380 different teachers, 5,876 of whom were women, were employed in the elementary schools of the State. Since there was a reduction of 578 in the number of different teachers employed the conclusion is drawn that teaching services was on the average somewhat more continuous. This is regarded as an educational gain. Frequent changes in the teaching force in a town or a school tends to make for unrest and for the demoralization of school work. The employment of teachers for the entire school year rather than from term to term is regarded as an economical measure from both financial and educational points of view.

It appears from the report that the percentage of trained teachers is gradually increasing. Ten years ago a little more than 22 per cent were graduates of normal or training schools, while last year practically one-third or nearly 34 per cent were of that class.

A careful analysis of the figures shows that these trained teachers are not all of them to be found by any means in the larger towns and cities. The impression that normal graduates are not to be found in any except the cities and larger towns is apparently not sustained by the facts since there were only 146 plantations and towns that were not served at some time during the year by a graduate of a normal or training school.

As the report indicates there is a close connection between the quality of the teaching force and the wages paid. The average salary for women teachers in the 146 towns and plantations not employing trained teachers was \$204.49 which was \$22.03 less than the average annual salary of women teachers for the whole State.

Moreover, it is of interest to notice that 43 per cent of these 146 towns assessed themselves for the common schools at a rate less than the average for the State and could without an excessive rate or taxation correct the implied deficiency. Of the 57 per cent claims were considered in connection with Equalization Fund apportionments and awards in many cases were made for the purpose of increasing teachers' salaries.

On the general situation of teachers' salaries the report shows still improvement, the annual salary of women teachers increasing over the preceding year from \$345.93 to \$376.02.

The report suggests that in view of the unenviable position held by Maine in the matter of teachers' salaries there should be no relaxation of effort until the schools can hold well qualified teachers in competition with neighboring States. Despite the gain in some of the towns and counties there were still last year two counties where the annual average salary of women teachers fell below \$300. The report emphasizes the fact that the real test of the result of teachers' wages is not to be made by an application of an average figure. The weakness is apparent when in any school the wage of the teachers is so low as to make impossible or extremely difficult a well sustained quality of teaching service through a period of years.

The returns show for example that there were last year 1,119 teachers who were paid annual salaries of \$250 or less and that there were 1,159 others whose annual salaries did not go above \$300. These salaries in the opinion of the State superintendent do not justify a reasonable expectation of a high grade of teaching service sustained year after year. The question raised by these figures is not so much one of justice to teachers as it is one of assuring to children a reasonable efficiency of instruction and to the State a proper safeguarding of the education of its future citizens. Further comment implies that the State might well take under consideration the adoption of a minimum salary act with a view of eliminating more speedily the number of grossly underpaid teaching positions.

Speaking of the professional activities of teachers the school report shows that for the year ending July 1, 1914, the last to which local certification of teachers applied, there were 1,119 teachers.

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CHRISTMAS AT BETHEL

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

The usual free Christmas supper was served in the chapel dining room on Thursday evening. All the tables were set and all were attractively decorated with miniature Christmas trees festooned with strings of popcorn. The dining room was decorated with evergreen and other holiday emblems. About one hundred young and old sat down to the well laden tables and all seemed to enter heartily into the spirit of the occasion. Following the supper the entire company went to the auditorium in the church where two well-burdened Christmas trees stood. A short literary and musical program was given and then the gifts were distributed. Never before, it seemed, were so many presents brought to the trees in this church and everyone was remembered in some way. It was a happy, joyous time for not only the many young people who were present but for the older ones as well.

Sunday, Dec. 27th, was observed as Christmas Sunday. The morning service was appropriate. Rev. Mr. Little delivered a most helpful and inspiring sermon from the text, "Behold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy." Special music was provided by a mixed choir of eight voices. There was a violin solo by Mrs. Emma Thurston Young and a vocal solo by Miss Mona Martyn. Besides these two there were in the choir, Mrs. F. L. Edwards, Mrs. C. W. Hall, Mrs. John Burbank, Mr. L. A. Hall, Mr. Howard F. Thurston and Mr. Wallace W. Kilgore. The regular organist, Mrs. Annie Willey, presided at the organ.

Sunday evening there was given a Christmas concert to a well filled church. The program included a pretty musical exercise with special features together with recitations by several of the younger members. The closing feature was the allegory, "A Soul in Doubt," which was previously given at a concert in this church and which received so much favorable comment.

This was in charge of Mrs. F. L. Edwards as was the entire concert. In its repetition this allegory lost none of its appealing beauty, the electrical effects being one of the special features connected with its presentation. The "Soul in Doubt" was represented by Miss Mildred Rossmann who was not only charming in appearance but also in the manner in which her part was taken. The other parts were taken by Miss Bertha Cole, Miss Bernestine Philbrook, Miss Ruby Ashby, Miss Dorothy Hinchins, Miss Marie Park, Miss Alice Gunther, Miss Marion Frost and Miss Marjorie Farwell. The song features were by Miss Martyn.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The usual Christmas supper was served in Garland Chapel, Thursday evening and a large number gathered around the tables and not only the boys and girls seemed to enjoy it, but the seniors as well. A pleasing little entertainment followed the supper under the direction of Miss Belle Parington. The program consisted of recitations and songs by the little people and a piano duet by Kathryn and Robert Hanson, a piano solo by Esther Tyler, also Marion Wilson, Miss Blanche Herrick recited a piano solo and also was accompanied.

A little play entitled "Father Christmas and Mother Goose," was presented and all the parts were well taken. The many children of Mother Goose who came in to be introduced to Father Christmas looked quite picturesque in their costumes. Last of all came Father Christmas' son, Santa Claus, who received the presents the children had brought Father Christmas.

The key of the New Year was brought to Father Christmas, then the children all enjoyed the unloading of the trees which stood around the fireplace brightly decorated ready to give cheer to the little folks. A merry Christmas greeted all.

METHODIST CHURCH.

The Christmas concert at the Methodist Church last Thursday evening was well attended and won a verdict of general approval. Special features were the readings from the "Bible's Christmas Carol," by Mrs. Bertha Wheeler which were illustrated with tableaux, and the exercise, "A Day in Old Bethlehem," in which a group of shepherds and village maidens talked over the wonders of the first Christmas night.

Santa Claus was accompanied this year by "Mrs. Santa Claus," whose mission was to keep him from boasting too much and help him out of difficulties.

The tree and the whole front of the

GRANGE NEWS

UPTON GRANGE.

The following officers were elected at the regular meeting of Upton Grange:

Master—Daisie B. Warren.
Overseer—H. W. Whitney.
Lecturer—H. L. Abbott.
Steward—Ed. Warren.
Asst. Steward—Guy Pratt.
Chaplain—B. L. Jenkins.
Treasurer—S. F. Penlee.
Secretary—Lavonne Whitney.
Ceres—Mrs. Paul West.
Fosom—Rena Lane.
Flora—Grace Barnett.
L. A. Steward—George Pratt.

Installation will be Saturday, Jan. 2, with L. W. Morse installing officer. At the close of the meeting an oyster supper will be served.

BEAR RIVER GRANGE.

Bear River Grange, No. 533, held its regular meeting Saturday evening, Dec. 26th with fourteen members present. Officers pro tem were: Assistant Steward, Gwendolyn Godwin; Lady Assistant, Mabel Bailey; Chaplain, Mrs. Edna; Lecturer, Mrs. Holt; Ceres, Lena Bartlett; Flora, Mrs. Bailey. A report of the State Grange session at City Hall, Lewiston, was read by the Master's wife. It was voted to extend an invitation to Alder River Grange to attend the installation of Officers, Jan. 9. The committee were unable to secure the services of J. D. Martin as installing officer. C. W. Godwin was appointed to secure the services of another. The following program was given:

Recitation, Mabel Bailey.
Reading, C. F. Saunders.
Reading, A. E. Bailey.
Reading, Mrs. Nellie Holt.
A correction in last week's Citizen should be made in the officers of this Grange as the Overseer is L. E. Wight instead of L. E. Smith.

CANTON GRANGE.

Christmas Day was observed at Canton Grange, Saturday and the attendance of children was good. The program consisted of:

Piano Solo, Miss Margarita Hollis.
Recitation, Elizabeth Irish.
Violin Solo, Arthur Westgate.
Recitation, Eleanor Patterson.
Gospel Solo, Angelo Ellis.
Recitation, Clarence Glover.
Vocal Solo, Doris Fletcher.
Song, Herchel Ellis.
Vocal Solo, Eleanor Westgate, with violin obligato by Arthur Westgate.

A Christmas tree was prettily decorated and each child received a gift. The committee in charge of the Christmas tree was Mrs. Marion Smith, Mrs. Blanche Richardson, Mrs. Edith Ellis, Mrs. Irene Tucker and Mrs. Eleanor Westgate. The installation of officers will occur at the next meeting.

BETHEL GRANGE.

Bethel Grange postponed the last regular meeting on account of Christmas exercises and held it Saturday, Dec. 26. The following program was prepared:

Singing, Christmas Song, Grange Hall, answered by clippings, quotations, etc.
Reading, a Christmas piece, Mary Cummings.
Song, a Christmas song, Mrs. Taylor.
Reading, "Mrs. Santa Claus," Mae R. Bartlett.
Piano Solo, Gladys Spearin.
Recitation, Christmas, Ida Packard.
A Christmas Monologue, Mrs. Kendall.
Question: What is most needed to strengthen a farmer's attachment to his vocation? opened by Levi Bartlett and Herman Mason.

Question: Does the farm housewife have as much labor saving machinery as she should? If not? Why not? discussed by Mary Cummings and Ida Packard.

Closing piece, "Star of the East," Mrs. Spearin.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bethel National Bank will be held in the banking rooms of said Bank, in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday the twelfth day of January, 1915, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ELMER C. PARK, Cashier.
Bethel, Me., December 1st, 1914.
12-3-15.

church were very prettily decorated by the committee in charge of Mrs. Millie Clark.

REVOLUTION AND LIBERTY

Paper Read by Dr. J. H. Wight Before Bethel Men's Club

Man, unlike the animals designated as higher vertebrates, has the capacity of Reason—in addition to Intelligence. Man, in other words, is capable of acting deliberately to accomplish a purpose. He can recognize the existence of a problem, and can cast about for the means of solving it. Unlike such insects as bees and ants, men can make progress in their social organizations. Progress is often made, in the direction of greater and greater liberty, by revolution. The attempt, when revolution is chosen as the means of improving the situation, whatever it may be, is not to patch up a constitution or a system, but to destroy largely for the purpose of rebuilding still more largely and on a firmer basis. There have been several notable revolutions, resulting in wonderful political, social, and religious improvement, within the last three hundred years.

The first came in England, in 1688. At that time both political and religious liberty was threatened by James II, a king who did not scruple to set aside the laws of the land to accomplish his purposes. Against him combined the better spirits of the nation, regardless of their special political and religious views, regardless of the allurement of temporary freedom offered to many. The result was what might have been expected when good combines against evil, when sound principle opposes false; the nation was freed from the threatened danger, all of the best in the old system was preserved, and new strengthening elements were infused into the body politic and ecclesiastical. A truer, a broader liberty was secured. Then came the American Revolution of 1776. We know that so well as to make it unnecessary for me to do more than to mention it. As usual there was a King to be checked in his attempt to enslave a people; as usual right prevailed; the Colonists became citizens of a new State—the Federation of the United States. Then they entered upon an epoch of marvelous development which has not yet ended; which has brought us to such height of prosperity as is the wonder, if not the envy, of the world. For our unsurpassed liberty we have to thank such men as Washington, Franklin, and a host of others of our ancestors who would, if they could, revisit earth, wonder at the use we have made of their beginnings. Almost concurrent with the American Revolution came that of the French. In France a worst of systems had grown up under absolute monarchy. The people were oppressed by nobles and churchmen. So great was the oppression that it resulted in a revolution which ignored the principles of conservatism; even the basis of government was overturned and a new one constructed. Upon it was reared a republic. But this revolution was not so happy in its course as was ours in America—perhaps because it was lacking in conservatism. In time, however, everything worked out for the best. France became a nation infinitely superior in every way to the France of the Old Regime. Such were the revolutions of the late seventeenth and the late eighteenth centuries. Those of the nineteenth were less momentous, yet not without great significance.

The revolutions of the nineteenth century were limited, so far as we are concerned, to North and South America. The Spanish yoke was thrown off about 1825 by the colonies of South America. One result is the Monroe Doctrine—according to which we, the champions of freedom, extend our protection indirectly if not directly to struggling peoples who have a vision of better and higher things. In North America we have the revolutions of Mexico. These are not very inspiring, yet who knows but that evil here will result in good? The Mexicans are groping somewhat blindly for the blessing of liberty. Let us hope that their vision will soon clear.

Revolutions have almost invariably been accomplished through the terrible instrumentality of war. Sometimes wars have been entered upon by the rulers of a nation to occupy the attention of a discontented people and to prevent revolution. Some tell us that Germany, fearing the Social Democrats, plunged Europe into the present awful strife for no other purpose than to save herself from revolution. We shall

not discuss the question but shall rather turn a prophetic eye to the outcome. It is safe to predict a revolution here which will be not only European in its extent but indeed worldwide. It is a question whether some sort of arrangement for the preservation of the peace of the world will not follow declarations of peace or serve as a basis for such declarations. We had flattered ourselves that the Hague Conference, with their schemes for arbitration, would put an end to wars. We had hoped that something would take the place of "preparedness for war" as a preventative of war. Now we see clearly that completeness and superiority of preparedness brings the long awaited "Day"—and with it War in all its horrors. There was danger of revolution in Germany because of the heavy burden connected with life on a war footing. There was dislike of the policy in all other nations—so far as the bearers of the burden, the people, were concerned. Now that the war is on, and nations are fighting for their existence, it is but natural that all should devote themselves without murmuring to the deadly work; but when the war is over there will be such a protest, by the people, against the continuance of a policy which has brought such misery and suffering to so many millions—to say nothing of death to other millions—that the policy is bound to be reversed. There will be such a revolution as the world has never seen.

We hope and pray that for the policy which has made war inevitable there may be substituted another, a better policy, which will make it impossible. We hope and pray for a revolution which will establish liberty on the basis of mutual helpfulness and friendliness for the people of the world. And we expect that the United States of America will be largely instrumental in making this new arrangement, for she alone of the nations is in a position to say: "Look at our liberty and our peace, prosperity and happiness—the fruits of liberty."

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WANTED—Early cut clover, mixed and bright upland grades for my dairy trade. Write what you have and price put onto card. Mention this paper.
—CHAS. T. FOSTER,
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WANTED—Every woman to know that she can have her old Pony coat made into a first-class, stylish, loose fitting garment for a moderate amount of money, also all other kinds of fur remodeling.

T. J. MURPHY,
Manufacturing Furrier,
Corner Lisbon & Ash Sts.,
Lewiston, Me.

ALUMNI SOCIAL CLUB.
At the special request of several of the Alumni of Gould's Academy, Mrs. Gehring has called a meeting of the Alumni Social Club for Saturday evening, Jan. 2, instead of Tuesday evening as was given out last week.

A snow shoveling party of five consisting of Miss Margaret C. Herrick, Miss Marion Mansfield, Mr. Carroll Valentine, Mr. Harold Rich and Mr. Corlis took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Upton, Tuesday. It goes without saying that they had a delightful time.

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Don't think because you have taken many remedies in vain that your case is incurable.

You have not taken Hood's Sarsaparilla.

It has cured many seemingly hopeless cases of syphilis, catarrh, rheumatism, kidney complaint, dyspepsia and general debility—many cases that may have been worse than yours.

What this great medicine has done for others it can do for you. Adv.

THE HOME CIRCLE.

Pleasant Reveries—A Column
Dedicated to Tired Mothers
as they Join the Home
Circle at Evening Tide.

THE COMING YEAR.

The worst or best I would not know,
And yet, strange inconsistency,
I ever ask, "What will it be—
A year of joy, or woe, to meet
A year of plenty, or of dearth,
Or shall it be my last of earth?"
The kindly curtain of God's grace
Hides all the future from my face.

THE NEW YEAR.

The closing of one year and the
opening of another is but an arbi-
trary division of time, for a year
passes every hour in the day, and
"Every day is a new beginning."
The seasons come and go, and we rush
along with them; but when the sun
has reached his furthest southern lin-
it, and has turned again to make the
journey to the northward, we say the
year is finished. We are told that as
the days lengthen, the cold strength-
ens, and indeed, for a short period im-
mediately following the short days,
the weather seems the sport of bliz-
zards and blizzards conditions, and
the real winter seems to be just be-
ginning. With January and February,
the increased amount of daylight
sends the spirits upwards, and we face
the cold with courage and optimism.

The phenomenal weather of the year
just passed has given us a keener en-
joyment of the crisp, frosty mornings
that are now due us, and every one is
beginning to look forward with pleas-
ure to the days to come. There was
much of discouragement in the twelve-
month just ended; but nothing was as
bad as was predicted. The shortage
of food stuffs has taught us to be more
careful in using what we have, and
has taught us many lessons of econ-
omy in various lines. If we only re-
member the lessons and apply them to
our future work, the year will have
been a blessing for people, as a rule,
an extravagant and wasteful in every
thing. Now that the dark, cold days
are with us, is a good time to look
over our fields, and plan for the best
outcomes for next year; study the suc-
cesses, and balance the "books," re-
solved to eliminate the waste and cul-
tivate the economical. If you have
kept accounts, it will not be hard to
do. If not, then count the neglect as
a loss, and see that you remedy the
failure as soon as possible. Make the
most of every day, if you would suc-
ceed with the year.

FOR EACH TO DECIDE.

Life seems full of new possibilities
in the opening of a new year. The
question for each girl to decide is how
to meet the opportunities which are
offered to her, and how to make the
most of them. There is knowledge to
be gained because it is a pearl beyond
price to the possessor, there are talents
to be developed, because it is a duty
to cultivate one's gifts; there is work
to be done, because work means useful-
ness and contentment. There are al-
ways virtues to be striven for, because
they help to make strong, noble char-
acters. The great thing is to aim at a
true and noble womanhood. To be hon-
est, to be truthful and to do what is
right and to keep a clear conscience
will seem very simple rules for con-
duct in life, yet if these are followed,
happiness will come, for that depends
more on one's self than on circumstan-
ces or surroundings.

Life may be full of beauty and use-
fulness if one is unselfish. Ordinary
every day life affords so many oppor-
tunities for doing some good service.
A gentle word spoken to one who is
sore, an encouraging or a sympathetic
word to a despondent or a friend,
an earnest word of warning to any one
who may be in danger of folly, all
these little things are very helpful. A

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system, and for a
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eled for years and
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posed to irregular meals
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sleeping accommo-
dations. Peruna is
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out disease, and
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therefore heartily recommend it."
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fect on others; a sunny disposition
brightens the home. Everyone has at
times known the bracing, stimulating
feeling that comes when looking into a
face which reflects a noble, pure soul
or a brave, strong one. It may be the
face of a stranger, but the unconscious
influence of that fine character is not
lost on the passer-by. It is a character
which counts in life, noble motives and
high thoughts which are worth having.
With these possessions and that sweet
modest reserve, modesty and delicacy
which go with refinement, a girl will
not only be more charming, but will
have an influence over all her associ-
ates.

SUPERVISION OF
MAINE SCHOOLS.

Following the example of Massachu-
setts and other New England states,
Maine enacted in 1897 its law provid-
ing for the union of towns for the em-
ployment of superintendents of schools.
Massachusetts originated this plan in
1870, adding the state aid feature in
1893 and still later made the adoption
of its provisions obligatory on all
towns. All the other New England
states with New York and several
states of the middle west have since
adopted the original plan of union
supervision with such modifications as
local conditions have suggested. At
first Maine towns were slow to adopt
the provisions of the Act of 1897. A
few pioneering towns having adopted
the scheme, other towns profited by
their example and voted favorably on
the proposals to form unions. During
the past ten years, by figures taken
from the Maine school report, it is
shown that the process of bridging the
State under skilled supervision has
been reasonably rapid and that the
unions have been encouragingly perma-
nent.

For the year ending July first, 1914,
there were 81 unions with 221 towns.
These figures report an increase of two
unions and seven towns over the pre-
ceding year. There were in these 81
unions 2,520 schools; an increase of 82
over the year 1912-13. The towns paid
\$47,682 for this supervision while the
amount of state aid for this purpose
was \$63,643.

Practically 80 per cent of the school
population is now under city or union
supervision. It is reported that there
are numerous instances of towns that
desire to secure the privileges of the
law but are unable to do so because the
neighboring towns have already per-
fected unions that reach the maximum
provisions of the act. It is suggested
that in justice to these towns and to
the interests of the small minority of
children not served by the present
unions, measures to redistrict the State
for permanent supervision should be
undertaken soon.

Many Disorders Come From The
Liver

Are You Just at Odds with Yourself?
Do You Regulate Living?
Are you sometimes at odds with
yourself and with the world? Do you
wonder what ails you? True you may
be eating regularly and sleeping well.
Yet something is the matter! Consti-
pation, Headache, Nervousness and
Bilious Spells indicate a Sluggish Liver.
The tried remedy is Dr. King's
New Life Pills. Only 25c at your Drug-
gist.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve for Skin Erup-
tions.
Advertisement.

GILEAD.

Benjamin Breed of Shelburne, N.
H. was in town last Sunday.
John Newell was in Gorham, N. H.
recently.

Mrs. Fred Garneau and daughter,
Rena, and Mrs. Joseph Rowe went to
Rumford last Thursday.
Mrs. Florence Bryant was in Gor-
ham, N. H. last Monday.
Emma Abbot was in South Paris last
week.

UPTON.

Mrs. Annie Coolidge and Miss Doris
are visiting at Berlin, N. H.

Will Bartlett carried the Upton boys
to Amherst to play basket ball last
Wednesday. They were defeated 21 to
17.

Scott Coolidge was at Bethel recent-
ly.

Morton Sargent is working for Mr.
Halley.

Charles Brown has gone to Umbagog
camp to haul wood and ice.

Quite a number have gone to Hoot-
town to work this winter. Among those
who went were: P. J. West with eight
horses, Work Lane, Fred Kane, Ed. War-
ren and others.

Fred Ellingwood has Herb McArthur
are working for Thornton.

The Christmas tree at the church
was well attended.

Mrs. Mabel Durfee was called to
her parental home at Oxford to see
her father who is soon to enter the
hospital for treatment.

Leslie Merrill, who has been visit-
ing E. D. Jenkins, has returned to his
home at Gatt's Island.

Dec. 24, born to the wife of Tom
Enman, a daughter.

MAINE AUTOMOBILE AS-
SOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Maine
Automobile Association was held at
Portland last week and was one of the
most successful gatherings ever held
by the Association. Notwithstanding
the storm, the State of Maine Room at
the Fulmouth Hotel where the session
was held, was crowded to capacity and
from a good roads as well as every
other standpoint, the session was a
great success.

Notable guests were present includ-
ing Governor-elect Oakley C. Curtis,
his Honor, Mayor William M. Ingraham
of Portland, C. S. Stetson, Worthy
Master of the State Grange, Hon. Ly-
man H. Nelson, chairman of the State
Highway Commission, Philip J. Deering,
State Highway Commissioner, Paul D. Sargent, Chief Engineer of the
Commission and a majority of the
leading good roads advocates and work-
ers of the State. Almost every sec-
tion of Maine was represented at the
meeting and it was declared by many
to be the greatest good roads gather-
ing that has ever been held in this
State.

Directors were elected for the ensu-
ing year as follows:—Hiram W. Rich-
ardson, Portland; Elmer A. Doten, Portland;
Charles A. Hill, Bangor; William N.
Taylor, Portland; Silas B. Adams, Port-
land; Stanley Blakes, Rumford; Dr.
Charles M. Soper, Berwick; Charles
S. Hiebborn, Augusta; Leith S. Black,
Houlton; Prof. George T. Fies, Bruns-
wick; David Talbot, Rockland, and
William D. Pennell, Lewiston. These
directors will meet within a short time
and elect officers.

Several plans for winter legislation
were brought up and the question of
lights on all vehicles and State control
of speed on State highways will prob-
ably be embodied in bills and present-
ed to the Legislature. C. S. Stetson in
his address brought out the fact that
the Maine State Grange and the Maine
Automobile Association are working
for the same end, that of the best in-
terests of the State, so far as its high-
way policy is concerned. He praised the
work of the Association and de-
clared that it had been responsible for
more good roads agitation and devel-
opment than any other single organi-
zation in the State.

Several matters of importance were
discussed but their decisions were left
with the board of directors when it
shall organize.

NEWRY.

Died Dec. 22, Mrs. Jacob Corbett.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williamson came
to her home last Thursday, returning
home on Sunday.

G. H. Learned and family spent
Christmas at H. S. Hastings.

Irving French came home from An-
dover for Christmas.

W. N. and H. E. Powers are sawing
wood for the people at Newry corner
with their engine.

Robert Egan is going to Sunday
River hauling timber with his team.

Selma Smith attended the Christmas
exercises at North Newry last Thurs-
day evening.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Tobberts enter-
tained his mother, Mrs. E. L. Tobberts
and two brothers, Donald and Lester,
of Auburn, Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Brewster of
Lewiston visited with her brother and
wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rand, over
the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herrick and
Merton and Elsie Herrick of Norway
are visiting relatives for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brown of Beth-
el were guests of his mother, Mrs. Clara
Brown, Friday.

Agnes Campbell was a holiday guest
of her parents at Mechanic Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Leila Davis of Ports-
mouth, N. H., are visiting her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swan.

Herbert and Harold Crooker of So-
Paris were guests of their mother, Mrs.
Ida Crooker, Sunday.

Mrs. Belle Chase of Portland visited
with her mother, Mrs. Clara Brown,
the week end.

The Christmas tree and exercises at
the church were well attended Thurs-
day evening. The two trees were heav-
ily laden with presents besides the big
pink Santa Claus brought with him.

Elizabeth Swift was home from Lew-
iston, Christmas Day.

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CANTON

The new officers of Ponemah Rebe-
kah Lodge, No. 28, elected Friday even-
ing, are as follows:—N. G. Mrs. Maud
Richardson; V. G. Mrs. Veda Bicknell;
Rec. Sec., Mrs. Frank B. Woodward;
Fin. Sec., Mrs. Flora Patterson; Treas.,
Mrs. Eleanor Westgate; Trustees, Mrs.
Helen A. Eastman, Elmer E. Westgate,
and Mrs. Mabelle Gluec.

H. Frank Richardson has been spend-
ing his vacation in town.

Mrs. Belle Nulty of Buckfield was a
recent guest of her daughter, Miss
Alice H. Nulty.

Earl Farnham, the nine year old son
of Mr. and Mrs. Freeland Farnham of
No. Hartford, who was operated on for
appendicitis last week, is getting along
nicely. Dr. Harold Garcelon of Lewiston
performed the operation.

Frank Fogg of Boston has joined
his wife at the home of his sister, Mrs.
Geo. W. Carson.

The marriage of Harold Bolster Gil-
bert of Canton to Miss Caroline Louise
Merry of Madison was solemnized Wed-
nesday, Dec. 23, at the home of the
bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E.
Merry of Madison, Rev. F. H. Means
officiating. The home was attractively
decorated for the occasion and the Lo-
hengrin bridal march was played by
Miss Genevieve Merry, sister of the
bride. The bride was charmingly
dressed in white crepe de chine with
shadow lace and carried bridal roses.

After the ceremony lunch was served
by Mrs. E. R. Merry and Frances Mer-
ry, the wedding cake being cut by the
bride. The happy couple left for a
bridal trip to Boston and will be at
home after Jan. 15 at Canton, where
they will reside. The bride is a gradu-
ate of Madison High School and of
Farmington Normal School and a suc-
cessful school teacher, and has taught
several terms in Canton, where she met
the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis B.
Gilbert of Canton. He is prominent in
Old Fellowship, being the Noble Grand
of Anasagenticook Lodge at the pres-
ent time. Wednesday evening on his
return from his wedding trip the offi-
cers of the lodge presented him with a
beautiful Old Fellowship pin as a token
of esteem. Many fine gifts were re-
ceived by Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert. The
bride's gift from the groom was a neck-
lace. Among the guests at the wedding
were: Mr. and Mrs. Willis B. Gilbert
and Mabel Gilbert of Canton, Ralph N.
Gilbert of Hallowville, Miss Lila Gil-
bert of Lewiston, Mr. and Mrs. W. L.
Merry, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Merry and
daughter, Caroline Merry.

Mrs. Marion Smith spent Christmas
with her sister in Rumford.

Mr. and Mrs. Albion E. Field of Five
Islands have been guests of Mrs. Field's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Russell
and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hutchinson have
returned to their home in Canton after
a few months absence.

Miss Mary N. Richardson has been
called from Boston to Canton by the
serious illness of her father, Mr. Frank
Richardson, who is the oldest citizen of
Canton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Oliver spent
Christmas with their daughter, Mrs.
Reed, Redden, of Boston.

Mrs. Eleanor Westgate will entertain
the Universalist Circle, Thursday of
this week.

Prof. H. Arthur Sanders and Mrs.
Sanders of Ann Arbor, Mich., are
visitors of his sister, Mrs. A. F. Russell
and family of Canton, and another sis-
ter, Mrs. Martha Colman, and brother,
P. Sanders of Livermore.

Mrs. Dorcas Bartlett and son, Har-
old, of Hartford spent Christmas with
her sister, Mrs. Chas. P. Oldham and
family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Walte have been
visiting O. S. Walte and family of
North Jay.

Mrs. W. S. Ingersoll of Winthrop and
son, John W. Ingersoll, of Bolster's
Mill have been visiting relatives in
Canton.

Mrs. Oscar Hardy has returned from
the hospital at Portland.

J. Fred Henry and family have moved
to South Paris, where they former-
ly resided.

Mrs. G. L. Wallin and son were visit-
ing at Lewiston last week.

Miss Ethel Jilson of Bolster's Mills
has been a guest of Mrs. M. J. Howes
and family.

Miss Montrose York fell at the risk
Friday evening injuring her head, and
was obliged to be taken to her home.
She is now recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse F. Russell en-
tertained a family party on Christmas,
all of their children and grandchildren
being present. These included Miss Ar-
lene and Miss Iva Russell of Beck-
ton, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Rus-
sell of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. John Rus-
sell and two children of New, Miss
Verna Russell of Portland, Miss Ethel
Russell of Auburn, Mr. and Mrs. Amos
Elliot of North Rumford, Ned Russell
of Medford, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Albin
E. Field of Five Islands and Mr. and
Mrs. Alphonse F. Russell, Jr. and son
of Canton. A beautiful dinner was
served and the occasion was much en-
joyed.

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Mrs. Mary Dresser is spending the
Christmas holidays at her home in Wat-
erford.

Mrs. Dolson and daughter, Marjorie,
are spending the holidays in Portland.

Miss Edna Bartlett has closed her
school and is at home for Christmas.

Mr. Urban Bartlett was at home from
business college at Portland over
Christmas.

Russell Swan attended State Grange
at Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bean are at
home from teaching in Phillips High
school for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Eva Bean of Colby College,
Frank Bean of Gould's Academy and
Robert Bleh of Berlin, N. H. were
Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. A.
M. Bean.

Mrs. H. Elson Bartlett is in Lowell,
Mass., for a short time, called there
by the death of her brother-in-law,
Mr. Winslow.

Ceylon Kimball shot a four pointed
buck, Monday the 14th. Mr. Ben Hutch-
ins shot a doe the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bartlett enter-
tained as Christmas guests all of their
children and grandchildren, as follows:
Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Bartlett and
son of Bethel, Mr. and Mrs. David Gaw
and son of Cambridge, Mass., Mr. and
Mrs. H. P. Lyon and two daughters of
Rumford, and Miss Elsie Bartlett. It
was a merry Christmas and all enjoyed
the Christmas tree with a real Santa
Claus.

Mrs. M. E. Kimball attended State
Grange at Lewiston as a delegate.

Mrs. Lucetta Bean is at home from
Norway for a short vacation over
Christmas.

All the Gould's Academy students
are at home for the Christmas recess.

The young people enjoyed a social
dance at Grange Hall, Saturday even-
ing, and a good company was present.

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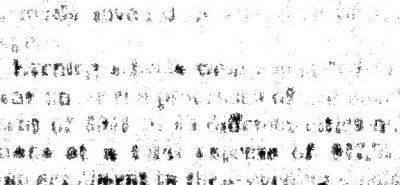
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 Please. Then, "If you were not my
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